Jasper Jones

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Chapter 1

* Setting the scene – Jasper taking Charlie to his special place in the bush
* Discovery of the body
* Charlie reaction and thoughts

Chapter 2

* Morning after
* Going to the nets with Jeffrey (bullying by cricket team and coach)
* Eliza Wishart

Chapter 3

* Next day Parents’ reaction to the news of Laura’s disappearance
* Charlie at the library
* Mother’s reaction to Charlie disobeying the instruction to stay in the street

Chapter 4

* Jeffrey and Charlie playing cricket in the street – search planes arriving
* Jeffrey’s news regarding his family in Vietnam – Uncle and Aunt killed
* The news on TV that night was about Laura’s disappearance - nothing about Vietnam
* Charlie tries to understand and make sense of the war and the world

Chapter 5

* Meeting at the Miner’s Hall- Mrs Lu attacked because of the war –nobody came to her assistance
* People were talking about Jasper – Charlie felt perhaps they had done the wrong thing for the right reason.
* Jasper comes to see Charlie
* They went to the ‘special spot’ in the bush and Jasper tells Charlie how he was locked up by the police and Laura’s father was there.
* Jasper wants to talk with Mad Jack Lionel
* Talk about life and beliefs and Jasper’s dad
* They find *‘sorry’* scratched into the base of the tree
* The police are waiting at Charlie’s house on his return

Chapter 6

* Charlie grounded for a couple of weeks but is allowed out for the Cricket match where Jeffrey has been named twelfth man.
* Charlie had made up a story for the police and was surprised that they believed him
* Ruth blamed Wesley and Corrigan for Charlie having been out at night without their knowledge
* Jeffrey officially in the team as one of the players was rushed to hospital with appendicitis
* Charlie and Eliza sat together during the second half of the match. They held hands and hugged when Jeffrey hit the winning runs.
* Charlie and Eliza talk about her family and she says that she knows things and is not a good person.
* Last ball and Corrigan is still behind in the score. Jeffrey hit a ‘six’ winning the game. Loud applause from the crowd and Jeffrey is the Town’s hero.
* Jeffrey goes home with Charlie and his dad. Pete Wishart saw the match and told Wesley of Jeffrey success.
* Charlie senses a shift in his father’s attitude to him. Seeing him with Eliza has given some credence to the lie Charlie had told.
* Jasper has found an old car at Jack Lionel’s with the word ‘*sorry*’ scratched on the door. He sees this as proof of quilt but Charlie isn’t so sure.
* Four men from the mine wreck An Lu’s garden and assault him when he comes out of the house. Wes and two other neighbours stop them. Charlie proud of his dad.
* Charlie and his parents play cards until late to try to overcome the rage they feel.

Chapter 7

* Jeffrey and Charlie play cricket in the street – Charlie is concerned about Jasper
* Charlie wonders if he will be able to leave Jeffrey when the time comes
* Charlie’s father gives him the novel he has written to read
* Jasper comes to the window to collect Charlie to go and visit Mad Jack Lionel
* Eliza tapped him on the shoulder on his way to meet Jasper and she said that she needed to speak with him. He agreed to meet her later
* Charlie had a bad felling about going to see Mad Jack
* They marched up to the front door and to their surprise Mad Jack welcomed them inside.
* Jasper accuses Jack of killing Laura but Jack doesn’t know anything about it. He thinks Jasper is speaking of his mother’s death.
* Jack reveals that he is Jasper’s grandfather and was driving the car in the accident when his mother died.
* Jack told Jasper the story of how his parents met and the years before his mother’s death
* Jack told the boys he had seen Laura pass the house on the night she disappeared and that she had been followed.
* Back home Eliza came to see Charlie and told him that she knows where Laura is.
* Laura was leading Charlie to Jasper’s spot in the bush but on the way they came across Charlie’s family car parked. His mother was in it with a man.
* Eliza and Charlie continued on to the tree where Laura died and Eliza told Charlie her story of the night her sister died.
* Jasper discovered them in the glade and Eliza told him her story.
* She then said that she was going to tell everything to the police
* Jasper stopped at Jack’s on the way home and thanked Charlie
* Charlie and Eliza were picked up by the police and taken to the station but Charlie was not allowed in
* He waited until Eliza and her family came out, then walked home

Chapter 8

* Charlie’s mother left that night without argument from his father
* His dad sent his book to the publisher
* They became accustomed to looking after themselves – Charlie cooking; Dad cleaning
* Eliza told her mother everything and said that if she told the truth Eliza would take her to where Laura lay – nothing was said
* Charlie and Eliza went to the glade each night

Chapter 9

* Return to school and somewhat normality
* Wager with Warwick Trent – get peaches from Jack Lionel’s tree for immunity
* Jack helped Charlie win the wager
* Eliza’s house is burnt down
* People blame Jasper Jones for the fire